lands Development Board (NWDB), which was started in 1985-86. The Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) also provides financial support to voluntary organizations for rural development activities, including Social Forestry.

(d) and (e) Union Minister of State for Environment & Forest had refused to plant a sapling in front of the Town Hall at Kochi on 10th March, 1990, because the site selected for the purpose was very unsuitable and the seedling, if planted, would not have survived.

(f) Does not arise.

Increase in export of electronic items/ software

831. SHRI SAYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of electronic items and software is expected to increase in coming years as compared to past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to permit the existing units to increase their capacity to boost the trade;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to liberalise the existing norms for production of electronic items and software in the country; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Electronics export is expected to grow at the rate of 55 per cent per annum during the next three years as against the comulative annual growth rate of 40 per cent during 1985-90.

(c) and (d) As part of general industrial licensing policy, Government has permitted Registered/Licensed industrial undertaking to produce in excess of licensed or registered capacity provided such additional production is exported. In addition, to step-up export, Government has also extended the facility of one time permission to all industrial undertakings for manufacture of any scheduled item, for export, without obtaining separate industrial licence. These policies are equally applicable to electronic sector too.

(e) and (f) The existing policy framework for promotion and development of Electronics Sector in the country is quite broad. The electronics policy has been evolving continuously with new initiatives being taken from time to time to meet the requirements of changing situations. On an overall basis, the efforts are to liberalise the policy subject to aspects such as constraints on foreign exchange.

Inadequate Medical facilities in Research Institution

832. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 19th April, 1990 regarding lack of elementary safety measures, inadequate medical facilities etc. in research institutes in the country;

(b) whether Research Scholars have threatened to begin a nationwide agitation;

(c) if so, whether any steps are being taken to discuss the problem with a 14 member National Committee of Young Scientists and Research Fellows; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) Government has seen the report.

(c) and (d) Scientists individually and in groups do bring to the notice of the Government their perception of the problems that they face. Government has ongoing mechanisms to review issues raised by them and to take corrective measures, whenever required. In the case of a recent memorandum received from the National Committee of Young Scientists and Research Fellows, a high level group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Yash Pal, has been set up to look into the points made.

Modifications in the transfer guidelines in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

833. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

SHRI BHADRESHWAR BURAGOHAIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 77 and 1780 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th and the 27th March, 1990, respectively and state:

(a) whether AIKVTA has suggested some modifications in the existing transfer guidelines in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Sangathan to each of the suggestions; and

(c) whether any changes have been made during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Suggestions given by All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association on 5-4-1990 will be considered while reviewing the transfer guidelines for 1990-91.

(c) The following changes, broadly, were made in transfer guidelines during the year 1989-90;

(1) Addition of 'Compelling administrative and compassionate Reasons' as a ground for transfer as against the earlier criterion of 'Administrative Reasons'.

(2) The earlier medical ground for transfer was specific. This has been broadened and made general.

(3) Earlier, death in the family of the teacher was mentioned as a specific ground for transfer. This specific mention has been dispensed with.

(4) Earlier, transfer of unmarried girls to places of their convenience was not provided for. Now it has been provided.

(5) Provision has also been made for transfer on grounds of teachers developing physical handicaps in the course of employment in KVS.

(6) For Principals, previously there was a fixed tenure-5 years in a station. Now this has been dispensed with.

(7) Post Graduate Teachers and above will be posted on promotion/direct recruitment to another state instead of another language area or region, as laid down earlier.

(8) Post Graduate Teachers/Vice-Principals/Principals and above will not be posted on promotion/direct recruitment out of their home state if already working there, if they have less then 3 years to retire instead of 5 years, laid down earlier, subject to availability of vacancies.